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TO GEN SCOWCROFT ALEXANDRIA

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JUNE 13, 1974

TO: GENERAL SCOWCROFT
LES JANKA WITH THE PRESS PARTY
FROM KATHLEEN TROIA
SUBJECT: EVENING NEWS

ABC, CBS, NBC DEVOTE ABOUT SEVEN MINUTES EACH TO COVERAGE OF TRAIN RIDE TO ALEXANDRIA AND MOTORCADE. ABC LIKENED TRIP TO WHISTLE STOP TOUR OF THE 1940'S AND SIMILAR TO AMERICAN POLITICAL CAMPAIGN. ABC ADDED THAT LIFE ALONG "SADAT SPECIAL" IN SHARP CONTRAST TO POVERTY OF COUNTRYSIDE. CUTS OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON TRAIN. ABC COMMENTED CROWDS' ENTHUSIASM UNCHECKED. IN SADAT NIXON HAS FOUND LEADER WHO WANTS TO HELP HIM WITH HIS TROUBLES AT HOME IN RETURN FOR ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT AND HELP WITH PALESTINIAN PROBLEM.

CHANCELLOR CALLED ALEXANDRIA "WHISTLE STOP TRIP ACROSS LAND OF PHAROAHS", COMMENTING ON ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD AND EXTRO-
INARY TURNOUT. THE TURNOUT A "FLAWLESSLY ORGANIZED DEMONSTRATION OF GOODWILL." IT WAS ONE OF MOST ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION AN AMERICAN PRESIDENT HAD EVER HAD ANYWHERE-IT WAS A "MEMORABLE DAY."

***** WHSR COMMENTS *****

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CRONKITE SAID TRIP TO ALEXANDRIA LINED WITH ADULATION OF EGYPTIAN MULTITUDES SHOWING EXTENSIVE CUTS OF TRAIN RIDE AND NIXON/SADAT Q'S AND A'S. CRONKITE ESTIMATED CROWDS AT ABOUT THREE MILLION, INCLUDING MORE FAMILIES AND CHILDREN THAN IN CAIRO.

IN EDITORIALS, ABC SHOWED CUT OF KOPPEL/SMITH INTERVIEW OF HAK (PART OF ABC SPECIAL TO BE SHOWN TOMORROW NIGHT) IN WHICH HAK GAVE BACKGROUND OF WHY WIRETAPS WERE INSTITUTED. HAK SAID PRESIDENT ORDERED SYSTEM OF INSTITUTION OF WIRETAPS AND HAK SUPPLIED NAMES OF THOSE WITH ACCESS TO MATERIAL IN QUESTION.

REASONER COMMENTED ON ABSURDITY OF AMOUNT OF NEWS COVERAGE ON PRESIDENTIAL TRIPS, STATING THAT BASICALLY ALL TRIPS ARE NON-EVENTS BUT MEDIA "ARE UNCOMFORTABLE CAPTIVES" AND CANNOT ESCAPE FROM COMPETITION AND THEREFORE COVER PARADES AND CHEERING CROWDS. COMMENTING ON WATERGATE COVERAGE, REASONER SAID MEDIA UNABLE TO EXPLAIN IT CLEARLY TO PUBLIC WHILE NOT OVEREMPHASIZING COVERAGE--"THERE IS ONLY A LIMITED SATISFACTION IN TALKING TO PEOPLE WHO ARE HALF ASLEEP."

SEVEREID SAID TROUBLE WITH CURRENT LEAKS ON HAK IS (A) THEY ARE UNNECESSARY AS INFORMATION WILL COME OUT LATER, (B) TEMPORARILY DAMAGING BECAUSE SELECTIVE IN NATURE, AND (C) NOT TREASONOUS SINCE THEY DON'T HARM NATIONAL SECURITY, AND INFORMATION IS ALREADY DECLASSIFIED. THE LEAKS MAY, HOWEVER HARM PENDING LAWSUITS AND INVESTIGATIONS. SEVEREID ADDED THAT PRESS WILL CONTINUE TO PUBLISH LEAKED MATERIAL--THAT WITH FREE REPORTING AND FREE DISCUSSION THE TRUTH WILL EMERGE. VICTIMS OF WIRETAPS HAVE DAMAGED REPUTATIONS. NONE OF THESE PEOPLE HAVE RECEIVED OFFICIAL CLEARING OF THEIR NAMES AS HAK DEMANDS FOR HIMSELF.

THE FOLLOWING SENATORS HAVE SIGNED THE BI-PARTISAN SENATE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HAKI (JAVITS HAD SIGNED BUT TOOK NAME OFF TO STUDY ISSUE)

JAMES ALLEN (D-LA.)
 JOHN SPARKMAN (D-ALA)
 STROM THURMON (R-S.CAR)
 CARL CURTIS (R-MEB)
 HOWARD BAKER (R-TENN)
 CLIFFORD HANSON (R-WYO)
 SCOTT JACKSON (D-WASH)
 LAWTON CHILES (D-FLA)
 SAM NUNN (D-GA)
 WALTER HUDDLESTON (D-KY)
 ALAN BIBLE (D-NEV)

GAYLORD NELSON (D-WIS)
 BARRY GOLDWATER (R-ARIZ)
 HIRMA FONG (R-HAWAII)
 EDWARD GURNEY (R-FLA)
 WILLIAM BROCK (R-TENN)
 JESSE HELMS (R-NC)
 HENRY BELLMON (R-OKLA)
 ROMAN HRUSKA (R-MEB)
 BENNETT JOHNSTON (D-LA)
 JAMES EASTLAND (D-MISS)
 ROBERT DOLE (R-KAN)

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 ROBT. GRIFFIN (R-MICH)
 NORRIS COTTON (R-NH)
 JAMES MCCLURE (R-IDAHO)
 JOHN MCCLENNON (D-ARK)
 TED STEVENS (R-ALASKA)
 JOHN STENNIS (D-MISS)
 HERMAN TALMADGE (D-GA)
 JOHN TOWER (R-TEX)
 SAM ERVIN (D-N, CAR)
 THOMAS MCINTYRE (D-NH)
 PETER DOMINICK (R-COLO)
 GALE MCGEE (D-WYO)
 RUSSELL LONG (D-LA)
 WARM REGARDS,

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 ROBT. TAFT (R-OHIO)
 JOHN TUNNEY (D-CALIF)
 HUBERT HUMPHREY (D-MINN)
 PAUL FANNIN (R-ARIZ)
 MARLOW COOK (R-KY)
 MIKE MANSFIELD (D-MONT)
 ABRAHAM RIBICOFF (D-CONN)
 MILTON YOUNG (R-N DAK)
 HUGH SCOTT (R-PA)
 CLAIBORNE PELL (D-RI)
 THOMAS EAGLETON (D-MO)
 JAMES ABDOUREZK (D-SD)
 BIRCH BAYH (D-IND)

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